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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/NIC
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The attached m/r represents the substance of a very positive discussion with Rich Beall this morning. Personally I am pleased to see the NSC moving in this direction, and as long as we can stay involved with Beall and vice versa, the better it will be. If you agree, will send copy of m/r to DIR and D/DIR.


D.Y. McManis
NIO Warning

Dave

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18 January 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Dr. Richard Beall, Executive Office of the President

1. NIO/W met this date with Dr. Beall in his EOB office. He explained his new, and official, role as key crisis management planner for the NSC, a role made official by an internal memorandum signed by Adm. Poindexter and endorsed by Judge Clark and Mr. Ed Meese.

2. The following responsibilities now fall under Dr. Beall and his staff:

- Planning for all crisis management mechanisms and procedures;

- Providing all support to the Crisis Management Facility (CMF), also known as Room 208 or the EOB Sit Room;

- Pre-crisis planning in conjunction with Bud McFarlane;

- Conceptualizing and planning for crisis management teams operating out of the Situation Room or CMF;

- Planning for exercises, test and simulations involving the NSC;

- Working the problem of Warning Assessments for the NSC and the President;

- Strategic planning. Not well described but encompassing in some fashion the National Security Decision Directives (NSDD's);

- Information Handling upgrades for the Situation Room;

- Continuity of government.

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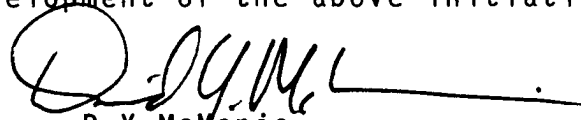
3. We discussed areas of congruity between his responsibilities and mine and ways to marshall our collective forces. I recommended that we consider and discuss shortly in more detail the following initiatives;

--Explore the problem of warning assessments with me, as a representative of the DCI, to determine what deficiencies he perceives and to develop mechanisms, not to impinge on NSC responsibilities or prerogatives, to rectify any shortfalls Beall cited as a case in point a recent NSC staff memorandum on Africa which, although I did not read it appeared self-serving but, more importantly, very critical of the performance of the intelligence community);

--Participate in meetings of my Warning Working Group, and of the Operations Center Chiefs, to fully explore the problems of linkage, support and information flow.

4. I shared with him my philosophy that while the President should be supported by the best in information support, he must remain dependent on the intelligence and operational communities for that support, forcing them, if you will, to effectively execute those responsibilities for which they are responsible. I noted past attempts to establish in the EOP senior analytic group to do that which the intelligence community is charged with doing. He agreed with me that such attempts are wrong and counter-productive.

5. Finally, we agreed to meet routinely (weekly) for the near future to explore the development of the above initiatives.


D.Y. McNanis
NIO/Warning

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